

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98**

Applicants:	SHIH, Ying-Heng	Docket No.:	39524.8200
Serial No.:	TBA	Filed:	October <u>21</u> , 2003
Group Art Unit:	TBA	Examiner:	TBA
Title:	BRANCH METRIC GENERATOR FOR VITERBI DECODER		

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98, the references listed and identified on the attached PTO-1449-based form are being submitted herewith for consideration by the Examiner.

A copy of the non-U.S. patent literature is included herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2).

The references herein are being cited only in the interest of candor and without any admission that they constitute statutory prior art or contain matter which anticipates the invention or which would render the same obvious, either singly or in combination, to a person of ordinary skill in the art.

This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1) within three months of the filing of a national application as it is being filed simultaneously with the application and, therefore, no fee or statement is required. If the Applicant has overlooked any fees, and/or it is determined that this IDS has been filed under the wrong rule, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is requested to consider this IDS under the proper rule (with a petition if necessary), and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit Deposit Account

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Serial No.: TBA
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Title: DISC DRIVE WITH SHOCKPROOF MECHANISM

No. 19-2814 for the same. **A duplicate copy of this page of the Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed for this purpose.**

If there are any questions concerning this IDS, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	A	4,583,078	04/15/86	Shenoy, et al.			
	B	5,912,908	06/15/99	Cesari, et al.			
	C	5,970,104	10/19/99	Zhong, et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

REF	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
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OTHER DOCUMENTS *(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)*

	D	ABRAMOVICI, M., et al.; "DIGITAL SYSTEMS TESTING AND TESTABLE DESIGN; IEEE Press, Piscataway, New Jersey, 1994, pgs. 432-439

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
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